

Vim

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1. Introduction

Vim is a highly configurable text editor for efficiently creating and changing any kind of text. It is included as "vi" with most UNIX systems and with Apple OS X..

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2. Commands cheat sheet

2.1. Help info

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$ vim --help
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Usage: vim [arguments] [file ..]      edit specified file(s)
      or: vim [arguments] -           read text from stdin
      or: vim [arguments] -t tag       edit file where tag is defined
      or: vim [arguments] -q [errorfile] edit file with first error

Arguments:
  --                Only file names after this
  -v                Vi mode (like "vi")
  -e                Ex mode (like "ex")
  -E                Improved Ex mode
  -s                Silent (batch) mode (only for "ex")
  -d                Diff mode (like "vimdiff")
  -Y                Easy mode (like "evim", modeless)
  -R                Readonly mode (like "view")
  -Z                Restricted mode (like "rvim")
  -m                Modifications (writing files) not allowed
  -M                Modifications in text not allowed
  -b                Binary mode
  -l                Lisp mode
  -C                Compatible with Vi: 'compatible'
  -N                Not fully Vi compatible: 'nocompatible'
  -V[N][fname]      Be verbose [level N] [log messages to fname]
  -D                Debugging mode
  -n                No swap file, use memory only
  -r                List swap files and exit
  -r (with file name) Recover crashed session
  -L                Same as -r
  -A                Start in Arabic mode
  -H                Start in Hebrew mode
  -T <terminal>     Set terminal type to <terminal>
  --not-a-term       Skip warning for input/output not being a terminal
  --ttyfail         Exit if input or output is not a terminal
  -u <vimrc>        Use <vimrc> instead of any .vimrc
  --noplugin        Don't load plugin scripts
  -p[N]             Open N tab pages (default: one for each file)
  -o[N]             Open N windows (default: one for each file)
  -O[N]             Like -o but split vertically
  +                Start at end of file
  +<lnum>           Start at line <lnum>
  --cmd <command>   Execute <command> before loading any vimrc file
  -c <command>      Execute <command> after loading the first file
  -S <session>       Source file <session> after loading the first file
  -s <scriptin>      Read Normal mode commands from file <scriptin>
  -w <scriptout>     Append all typed commands to file <scriptout>
  -W <scriptout>     Write all typed commands to file <scriptout>
  -x                Edit encrypted files
  --startuptime <file> Write startup timing messages to <file>
  -i <viminfo>       Use <viminfo> instead of .viminfo
  --clean           'nocompatible', Vim defaults, no plugins, no viminfo
  -h or --help      Print Help (this message) and exit
  --version         Print version information and exit

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